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HEARING SCHEDULED IN MATTER
CONCERNING JUDGE ROBERT B. FREEDMAN

The Commission announced today that the hearing in this matter will resume, with oral argument before the special masters on Thursday, January 18, 2007, commencing at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom Two at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 95 Seventh Street in San Francisco, California. The hearing will be open to the public.

The hearing is being conducted by special masters appointed by the Supreme Court: Justice Eugene M. Premo, Court of Appeal, Sixth District; Justice Kathryn Doi Todd, Court of Appeal, Second District; and Judge William A. Mayhew, Superior Court of Stanislaus County.

Commission Trial Counsel Andrew Blum is serving as examiner. Judge Freedman is represented by attorneys Joseph P. McMonigle and Kathleen M. Ewins, of Long & Levit, LLP in San Francisco, California.

Following completion of the hearing, the Special Masters will provide the Commission with a report containing their findings with respect to the charges. The Special Masters Report is due February 15, 2007. The parties will have an opportunity to respond to the report through briefing and argument before the Commission. If the Commission determines that the charges are proved by clear and convincing evidence, it is empowered to impose discipline as provided in the California Constitution. Charges that the Commission determines are not proved will be dismissed.

The Commission is composed of three judges, two lawyers, and six public members. The Chairperson is Marshall B. Grossman, Esq. of Los Angeles, California.

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